



THE CYRUS E.  
DALLIN  
ART MUSEUM

## MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2011

Committee called to order by Roly Chaput on March 8, 2011 at 7:06 pm.

Members present: Roly Chaput; Heather Leavell, Co-chair; James McGough, Trustee Emeritus; Aimee Taberner, Co-chair

Members absent: Sarah Burks, Co-chair; Paul McGaffigan, Treasurer; Terry Shaoul, Recording Secretary; Geraldine Tremblay

Minutes – The minutes of January 2011 and February 2011 were tabled.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was postponed due to the absence of Paul McGaffigan. Heather Leavell reported that a draft of the Museum's 2011 budget will be presented to the board at the next meeting.

Correspondence – The trustees discussed an opinion that was published in a recent issue of the *Arlington Advocate* which characterized Dallin's representations of Native Americans as patronizing and negative. The trustees agreed that Dallin's original intent was to portray his subjects with humanity, naturalism, and heroism. Dallin was a champion of the Native American cause, and it is impossible to interpret his work correctly without taking his intent into account. Aimee Taberner volunteered to write a response on behalf of the Museum to the *Advocate*. The trustees also agreed on the necessity of crafting a stock response based on solid research for this type of inaccurate interpretation of Dallin's work.

150<sup>th</sup> Birthday – The trustees discussed the feasibility of having light pole banners made for Dallin's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The banners were designed by Joanne Robinson, and cost \$70 each. He described the price schedule that was used in soliciting sponsorships for the banners and said that the town obtained 33 sponsors. Chaput said he would inquire with the town to see if there are any open slots in the banner schedule.

Marketing – Heather Leavell circulated drafts of two new Museum postcards – one of *Lethe* and the other of the Native American Gallery. The postcards could be sold in the gift shop and used to send personalized thank-yous to Museum visitors. Aimee Taberner made a motion to have 500 of each postcard printed for a maximum of \$150. Roly Chaput seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Roly Chaput reported that he and Sarah Burks will be making a presentation about the Museum at the Rotary Club's breakfast meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

New Business – Jim McGough reported that the Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum's new (and official) address is 611 Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington. Aimee Taberner made a motion to allow Sarah Burks to spend up to \$150 for the purchase of three new bookshelves. Two of the units will be used to reconfigure the gift shop; the third unit will

be used for storage in the Museum's jog on the second floor. Heather Leavell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Submitted by Heather Leavell, Co-chair